



Apalachin Library

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2022 Annual Report

The Apalachin Library was established in 1957.

The mission of the Apalachin Library is to strive to provide resources and services to meet the recreational, informational, educational, cultural needs of the residents of Apalachin and the surrounding area.

The Apalachin Library is a member of the Finger Lakes Library System.

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am-7 pm

Friday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm

2022 Programming

2022 was a much better year for programming. In person programming was possible again with some minor restrictions. Our year started with a brand new Maker Space room which was used for many sewing and craft projects.

Besides offering book discussion groups and story time, a number of special programs were held. One program that was popular was the Beatrix Potter Tea Party. Children and adults alike came and enjoyed learning more about this wonderful author.

In June, a costume making program was held. Seamstress, Colleen Murphy and Choreographer, Danielle Meissner wrote a grant to. Teens from our area were given the opportunity to learn how to make theatrical costumes. Several sessions were held and teens enjoyed this experience.

This year therapy dogs were available for kids to read to. Nola was here year round, and Reggie came for the summer. We also had a Great Dane, Ollie come for our Halloween party.

During the winter months AARP did taxes at the library.

We celebrated some "special days" like National Pie Day and National M & M day— just for fun.

Summer Reading was 'Oceans of Possibilities' and there was something for everyone. Reader's Club, American Girl, Story times, and family night entertainment were all back and in person. Park passes, fishing poles and lures were available to borrow.



In the fall we had a Halloween Party for kids, a Harry Potter program, and Self Care Awareness for adults.

Meeting the needs of our community is a big part of our mission. Being involved with other organizations makes our mission real. This year we: collected coats, glasses, and Toys for Tots items for the Lions Club, worked with AARP to have free tax preparation for our community members, gave away hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. We provide a room for a Girl Scout Troop to meet, and a Tioga Opportunities representative visits us each month. We work with the teachers at Apalachin Elementary School to provide library services to their students.

We have hosted a number of field trips for classes. We also support teachers with occasional newsletters about library information as well as providing books for programs they are doing.

In October each year we participate in the Great Library Give Back collecting items to give to an agency in our community who help others. This year we collected diapers for the KIND project.

The Friends of the Library is an important group who advocate for the library. This year the Friends provided our community with new highway signs letting residents know that our library is here. They remind the community to vote on our library referendum each year in May.

They also maintain our sales of used book by sorting and shelving donations. If you would like to be part of the Friends team, just come to a meeting. The Friends meet every other month at 6:30 pm. Check our website for dates.

Thank to everyone who has donated to our library as a result of our annual letter. This year we received donations in Memory or Honor of:

Michael Baratta
Lois Bingley
Phil Bixby
Orlando Cavalucci
Betty Chandler
Patricia Ciza
Vickie Corbett
Dorothy Crane
Buttons Decker
Jan Dickler
Shirley Ford-Zimmer

Toni Herman
Inez B. Hoffman
Kaminski Children
Mary Keefer
June Leise
Erin Mathews
Sun-OK Min
Paul Motsko
Ida Shearer
Mark Sierzant
Fred Sigler
Myrtle Stone
Eric Weiskopff
Delores M. Wortman
Chuck Yoko

Staff and Board Members

Staff

Cathy Sorber, Director
Wendy Decker, Library Assistant
Vanessa Khan, Library Clerk
Tina Barton, Library Clerk
Jaime Root, Library Clerk
Steve Ingardia, Maintenance

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Danielle Berchtold, President
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Community Services:

American Girl dolls to play with in the library.
Games and toys
Meeting spaces
Monthly Book Discussions

Out of system library loans
DVDs and books on CD
Hoopla
A Maker Space Room
Electronic Databases
Computers/ 24 hour WiFi